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AIR STATION ORDER 5090.10

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP) FOR PRESCRIBED
(CONTROLLED) BURNING AT MCAS CHERRY POINT AND OUTLYING
FIELDS

1. Purpose. To establish policy and procedures for the management of prescribed burning operations aboard MCAS Cherry Point and Outlying Fields.

2. Cancellation. AirStaO 11320.1.

3. Background. With the high incidents of forest wildfires in the spring and fall in the southeastern United States, it has become necessary for foresters to carry out well planned prescribed burning operations under controlled conditions in order to fireproof valuable woodlands.

4. Policy. It is the policy of this Command to protect station woodlands from the catastrophic effects of wildfire through an ongoing program of prescribed burning.

5. Responsibilities

a. The Environmental Affairs Officer of the Facilities Directorate, is assigned overall responsibility for the administration of this Order.

Prescribed burning operations will be carried out so as not to interfere with normal aircraft traffic, public safety, or the overall mission of the Air Station.

b. The Forestry section of the Natural Resources Division will:

(1) Organize and provide training for personnel assigned to prescribed burning operations.

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(2) Establish firelines or utilize natural fire breaks, such as road and drains to contain the fire within prescribed area.

(3) Secure weather and smoke management information from the North Carolina Forest Service and local weather information from the Air Station duty weather forecaster for current and expected conditions.

(4) Prepare a burning plan to be presented to the Airfield Operations Officer or the Assistant Airfield Operations Officer via telephone the day of the planned burn. Information to be conveyed will include:

(a) The exact location, using a coded location map

(b) Acreage

(c) Time of start/completion

(d) Weather and smoke management information

(5) Upon approval from Airfield Operations and prior to initiating the planned burn, the Forestry section will provide details concerning the prescribed burn by phone to the Director of Facilities, Air Station Fire Division, Provost Marshal, Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting, North Carolina Forest Service and any other Air Station activity that may be affected. Station Ordnance will be notified of all planned burning within the Station Ordnance complex so that special precautions can be taken to safeguard magazines. The Station Fire Division will have a fire unit on standby for all prescribed fires within the Ordnance area.



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